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1. (Amended) An anti-howling device in a cathode ray tube having a shadow mask and a mask holding frame, comprising:

anti-howling means having a plurality of contact members, wherein each contact member is in contact with the shadow mask for receiving and dispersing a vibration, and connecting members for connecting adjacent contact members; and

A3 fixing means configured to bring the contact members into contact with the shadow mask, such that the contact members receive the vibration of the shadow mask and disperse the vibration by impact and friction between the contact members and the shadow mask.

2. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim1, wherein each contact member is spherical with a pass through hole for passing an end of a connecting member.

3. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim1, wherein each contact member is cylindrical with a pass through hole for passing an end of a connecting member.

4. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim1, wherein each contact member comprises:

a contact part having a pass through hole at one side; and

a connecting part formed as a unit with the contact part.

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5. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim1, wherein each contact member has a ring form.

6. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 5, wherein each connecting member has a ring form.

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8. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing means is fitted to opposite ends of the anti-howling means.

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13. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 11, wherein each holding part comprises an indent fit to a profile of one of the contact members in the anti-howling means.

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14. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the fitting part comprises a contact hole in conformity with a lower part of one of the contact members in the anti-howling means for bringing one of the contact members into contact with the shadow mask through the contact hole.

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18. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the connecting part comprises assembly holes each having a size almost the same with one of the contact members and slots each connected to one of the assembly holes having a size almost the same with a diameter of one of the connecting members in the anti-howling means, and each holding part comprises a slot connected to one of the slots in the connecting part.

19. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the connecting part comprises a cutout at an approximate center of an edge of the connecting part.

20. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing means comprises;

a guiding part for bringing the contact members in the anti-howling means into contact with the shadow mask,

a holding part for holding the connecting members in the anti-howling means, and

a fitting part fitted to the shadow mask and connected to the holding part and the guiding part.

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21. (Amended) An anti-howling device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the fitting part is fixed to a mask holding frame.

C. Please add new claims 24-34 as follows:

24. (New) The anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connecting members have a form that is substantially identical to the contact members.

25. (New) The anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein each contact member is hexahedral.

26. (New) The anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contact members include a hollow aperture.

27. (New) The anti-howling device as claimed in claim 26, wherein at least one of the contact members has a supplementary contact member located in the hollow aperture.

28. (New) The anti-howling device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a shape of each contact member is one of spherical, cylindrical, hexahedral, and a ring.

29. (New) A vibration damper for use in a cathode ray tube having a shadow mask, comprising:

a plurality of contact members in contact with a shadow mask and adapted to receive and disperse a vibration; and

a plurality of connecting members, each connecting member disposed between adjacent contact members and adapted to connect the adjacent contact members.

30. (New) The vibration damper of claim 29, wherein a shape of each of the plurality of contact members is one of spherical, cylindrical, hexahedral, and ring.

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cont. 31. (New) The vibration damper of claim 29, wherein at least one of the plurality of contact members is hollow.

32. (New) The vibration damper of claim 31, wherein at least one of the plurality of contact members has a supplementary contact member located within a hollow portion of the at least one contact member.

33. (New) The vibration damper of claim 29, further comprising a biasing member connected to at least one of the contact members and adapted to bias the plurality of contact members in contact with the shadow mask.

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